

# EXCLUSIVE ORDER OF "SHIFTERS" INVADES D. C. HIGH SCHOOLS

## RAPID SPREAD OF SOCIETY NOTED

Shortage of Paper Clips Threatens, as Capital's Younger Set Readily Adopts Order of "Shifters."

By EDWARD J. DUFFY.

**S**HIFTERS—that's the very latest in the Washington schools. This society of wealth and friendship, started as a joke in some unknown hamlet and now said to be spreading like wildfire over the country, is temporarily entrenched in the High Schools here.

Almost every student has been received, after paying the price of admission, into the "noble" order of Shifters. And the majority of initiates have immediately proceeded to promote the organization, at the same time enriching their own pockets.

### HERE'S THE SECRET.

The secret of the Shifters is this. After being initiated to membership in good standing, the recruit immediately proceeds to enroll his or her numerous friends. A brass-colored paper clip is the badge of the order. A silver-colored clip signifies the second degree. A fee for admittance, the size of which depends on your pocketbook's strength at the moment, is charged. As every member pays these dues, it is up to each recruit to reimburse himself by initiating others into the Shifters.

Like a snowball rolling downhill, the Shifters have spread in the Capital. First rumors of the order emanated from Boston or New York several weeks ago, and travelers brought the news to the high schools here. Immediately the order was adopted as an institution, and hundreds of recruits were "pledged" each day.

### FACULTY ENROLL.

It is rumored that several members of various scholastic faculties enrolled in the Shifters, and several were seen to be sporting the clip badges, signifying the news. Divers rumors were rife in all the schools as to the stand of the faculties, and despite denials of official sanction, it is known several teachers paid the necessary initiation fee. At one school the principal was said to have been enrolled by several of the original boy and girl members of the order.

The rendezvous of the majority of Shifters is on the F street promenade, and this thoroughfare has seen more recruits taken into the order than any other street in America, possibly excepting Broadway and State street.

ORDER NOT RECOGNIZED. No word of disapproval has been heard from the Franklin School regarding this society, and it is thought to be harmless. A spirit of good will and friendship has attended the development of the Shifters here, and reports from New York condemning the order have been disregarded.

Nevertheless, there are some few students who, upon reading reports that the Shifters were originated as a money-making scheme for New York jewelers forego their allegiance to the order. They are said to have already reaped the benefits of the organization by accepting new members—and initiation fees.

One teacher, when approached concerning the Shifters, condemned the society as a robber band and declared, though she would join, it would be as an honorary member and she would pay no initiation fee.

### NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

All in all, the Shifters are but a passing fad in the life of the Capital's high school population, which is ever looking for entertaining diversion. While the novelty for the society seems to now be gradually shifting out of existence, it may be to Europe in the opinion of some, the joke of the Shifters was enjoyed by thousands of Washingtonians—adults as well as students.

But, as one Shifter who gained much revenue from his connection with the order, said: "All good things must end, and even as Adam shifted out of Eden and Noah out of the Flood, the Shifters must shift along. Abyssinia." So passes the Shifters.

## Brecky Staff Is Hustling Bunch

The staff's advertising staff of the "Central Brecky" is doing everything in its power to obtain more advertisements than ever before. Up to this time they have been very successful, as they have obtained twice as many ads. as the last year's staff was able to get. They now have contracts for \$565.60 for ads, as compared with \$250 for last year. The staff has not stopped working yet and are striving every day to run the total up to \$700.

## EASTERN DIMPLE CLUB IS NOVELTY

Charter Members Welcome All Having Distinguishing Dimples to Their Exclusive Midst—Must Apply Formally.

By LOUISE SMITH, '23.

**A**LTHOUGH Eastern is small, one of its main characteristics is distinguishedness. This is shown in many ways, but especially by the clubs. We have one club at Eastern, the like of which has nowhere ever been known before. The members of this club, consisting of pupils, a faculty adviser and an alumni adviser, are particularly distinguished because of their obvious qualifications. This club is especially desirable because it is one of the few organizations sanctioned by the Board of Education. It is the Eastern High School Dimple Club.

### CHARTER MEMBERS.

The founding of the club came about in this way: A popular member of our faculty often mentioned names of Easternites who possessed dimples. One day she mentioned a few who were qualified to belong to a Dimple Club, if there were such an organization. These words gave inspiration to some of our bright seniors and in November 1921, the Dimple Club was organized. The following are the charter members:

Student body: Marjory Black, Millard Ritterbush, Catherine Browne, Carroll Flohr, Peggy Hall. Faculty adviser: Miss Moore. Alumni adviser: Eddie Gary.

Those wishing to join our famous Dimple Club must possess one, preferably two dimples. Unanimous vote is necessary to insure genuineness of dimples.

### RED HAIR BEST.

Any members who possess both red hair and dimples are given positions of honor.

Here is printed a copy of the application blank which must be filled out. Applicants are asked to be very prompt, honest and frank in filling out and sending in the applications.

### Dimples?

Application for Membership to the E. H. S. Dimple Club.

I am possessor of (1....), (2....), dimples which are (genuine....), (cultivated....).

My hair is dark light

Signed .....

Of course this organization met with great success. It was and is the talk of the school. Those who were not proud possessors of dimples were very envious of the favored and, expressing the desire to cultivate dimples, asked how it was done. The following are directions: Place one large bean in each spot where a dimple is desired, tie a handkerchief or rag tightly around the head so as to hold the beans in place, and sleep with the device on until the flesh has been pushed in to the desired degree.

All cultivated dimples must be at least two months old.

It is indeed very interesting to watch the growth of dimples. We have them all sizes and shapes. Some are disappointed because they have not had as much success as others. However, by patience and persevering they will soon be proud possessors of dimples.

Don't you wish you belonged to a distinguished school, like Eastern, that has a Dimple Club?

## Many Visitors Daily at Central

Central was visited last week by men interested in our school system and buildings. Several of the men were from Georgia, while one was from China, but all were equally impressed with Central.

Mr. R. K. Chu, general secretary of the World's Chinese Students' Federation, Shanghai, China, was one. He visited the different departments and shops, and was so favorably impressed that he plans to return to see how recitations are conducted.

Mr. Sutton, superintendent of schools in Georgia, also went through the school, and expressed his admiration. On the same day an architect, also from Georgia, was an interested visitor. Randall Buckingham took him through the shops, the gymnasium, and the stadium. He thought all of these above the average; but when he saw the indoor track and the swimming pool, he became enthusiastic. We are told that he gazed in wonder and marveled at the track especially. After the tour was completed, he made that remark so characteristic of our visitors: "Is there anything that you didn't have?"

## LIVE WIRES In the High Schools



MARK FENTON COLES.

Captain of Central's record-breaking swimming team and its leading smasher of records. Not content with garnering first honors in the South Atlantic Interscholastic meet, Mark went into the open championships and won his event.



ISRAEL APRIL, of Tech's fighting football team, who played the part of hangman in the Spring Play, "If I Were King." He will surely be a live wire this month, as his surname indicates.

## Cadet Spirit Fine at B.H.S.

By CAPT. C. J. SINCELL, Company I, Business High School. The spirit of Company I has been the best that has been shown for many years. Every man is taking an interest in his work and is trying to put a fine company on the field in June. Remember, we have a few more months before the drill. We have the guns, and the final lap for the drill entered on. We now have six full squads and the company will therefore present a better appearance than if it were a skeleton squad. The new men are drilling hard and will soon be in the company. Fletcher, Stokes, Kelly, Mussen, Mosley and Steadman have been doing fine work. Fighting hard, and I am sure we will land at the top.

## CENTRAL WILL SOON HAVE STRONG ATHLETIC RIVALS

Central at present holds the enviable position of being the finest school, from a standpoint of architecture and equipment, in the city. But when present plans are completed, in the course of a few years, the Hilltop Institution will have a rival—Eastern.

Much has already been said about the plans for Eastern's new building, upon which a beginning has been made. Now Tech and Business come forward with requests for new buildings. To judge from the support the movements are receiving, they are destined to have their requests complied with.

The new structures would probably be erected on or near the site occupied by the present buildings.

Plans, which are not yet definitely decided upon, would in all probability include similar equipment to that now in use at Central and proposed for Eastern. Swimming pool, gymnasium, a large auditorium, laboratories with complete equipment, library, and lunchroom would be included, and possibly print shop, rifle range, armory, housekeeping apartment, and other less usual institutions. Just whether or not sufficient grounds and appropriations for a stadium would go with the new plans for Tech and Business is

## EMERSON CLAIMS CHAMPIONSHIP IN DEBATE

Following Defeat of Western, Prep School Team Will Rank First, Should Business Be Outpointed.

By JOSEPH W. BYRNS, JR., President of the Student Council, Emerson Institute.

**E**MERSON INSTITUTE has formally announced its intention of claiming the Inter-scholastic Debating Championship of the District of Columbia.

St. John's College, St. Alban's, Tech High, and Eastern High have no debating societies and hence have been unable to accept Emerson's challenge.

Western High was defeated by Emerson on March 17 and Mr. Maurer, Principal of the Central High School, announced officially that Central would not contest Emerson's claim to the title.

### SELF-MADE TEAM.

If Emerson defeats Business High in their debate on March 31, it will announce officially its claim to the title and its readiness to defend the same.

Arrangements have been under way for some time and are about completed for the Emerson team to go out of town for several debates among them being debates at the Boys' Latin School in Baltimore and at Randolph-Macon Military Academy.

The Emerson team is unique in that it has operated without coaching and that it has done all the work of scheduling and carrying out debate solely by itself.

The three members of the team, A. O. Stanley, Jr., William P. Hunt and Joseph W. Byrns, Jr., have seen to all details without aid from the faculty of their school or assistance from the outside.

## McKinley G. O. Suggests Honors for Live Wires

The Tech General Organization has recently considered two new by-laws for the constitution, which are published here. Both recommend and provide for the awarding of honor medals.

One proposed by-law names as the recipients of the distinction, the editor and the business manager of the Year-Book, providing that such awards meet with the approval of the faculty adviser. There are few more difficult tasks in any activity at Tech than that of editing and managing a publication such as the Year-Book; nor any with less glory. There is nothing spectacular connected with such offices. The student body hears little or nothing about them. But the successful fulfillment requires constant application and genuine hard work. There are no more worthy offices at Tech if the duties are faithfully discharged.

The second proposed by-law specifies that all commissioned officers of the Second (Tech) Regiment shall, upon recommendation of the professor of military science and tactics, receive honor medals after the annual competitive drill. Here, again, is a most excellent resolution. Sel-dom does it happen a cadet receives a commission before his senior year.

## Easter Holidays Will Be Here Soon

Not long now until the Easter holidays—glorious days! They will seem but a fortnight of the summer vacation, but a delicious one, as all the gaieties of the Christmas season will be repeated in the balm of spring. Holidays—Wonderful word to school-goers, and one that always has an added joyousness in its significance in spring-time!

hard to say, although Eastern proposes to have an athletic field, much on the order of the Central stadium, adjoining her new building.

It takes time to build a school, as those Centralites who attended old Central during the construction of the new building will testify, and it is hardly probable, allowing for ordinary delays, that any of the present Techites and Businessites will attend classes in the new buildings unless it be the rookiest of the rooks, and those people who habitually require about six years. Nevertheless, the people who are now doing their best to bring the new schools to pass, and will have the pride of knowing that their efforts were largely responsible.

## GIRL AUTHOR-CARTOONIST



Miss Emily Strother, Centralite, is shown here in the midst of one of her cleverest cartoons. In addition to drawing, she writes stories and poetry.

## GRANDFATHER'S GENIUS CROPS OUT IN PETITE CENTRAL MISS

### IL SKIPEROSO.

(With Apologies to Milton.)

Hence, hard encumbering work,  
That bows me down beneath a load  
Of care  
And on my nerves does wear  
And my o'erburdened, weary  
senses irk.  
Fly to some studious jade,  
And leave me free the movies for  
to seek,  
To laugh o'er some cute freak,  
Who, with unerring aim, doth  
swift let fly  
On some poor soul, a pie  
Of sweetest sugared browned  
custard made;  
Or better still when day is done,  
To don my party frock and run  
Through ever deepening gloomy  
dark  
To that dear place called Wardman  
Park,  
Where I to jazz band's music may  
Toddle my little soul away.  
Or if the weather will permit  
Out to the "Dreamland" float I flit,  
And dance a while and then canoe  
Around the stream an hour or two,  
And count the stars, or watch the  
moon.  
Sail through the sky like a gold  
balloon.  
Then homeward and to bed I fly  
And sleep till sun at noon is high.

### Here, On Either Side, Are Shown Two of Her Clever Poems.

### Makes Name for Herself as President of Sketch Club.

**A**NOTHER of Central High School's gifted students is Miss Emily Strother, descendant of Gen. David Hunter Strother, for a number of years consul general to Mexico. This Blue and White girl is president of the Sketch Club, a regular contributor to "The Review," and draws cartoons and writes very well.

### SWEET SIXTEEN.

This talented girl is only sixteen years old, and if she follows a career of art and literature, as she hopes to, her ardent admirers have confidence in her success.

In her own words, the story of her artistic tendencies is: "I hope to be seventeen some day if I'm real good. I never tried writing much till I got suddenly inspired last year and wrote a story for the 'Review.' I adore to study, but I hate to study what I'm told to."

I have always adored drawing and have been making wild attempts in that direction ever since I could hold a pencil.

My grandfather, General David Hunter Strother, who was, for a number of years, consul general to Mexico, wrote and illustrated. His best known work, "Virginia Illustrated," appeared in "Harper's." He wrote and drew under the name of "Port Crayon."

### NOW A SENIOR.

Up to the seven B grade I attended a private school in Charlottesville, West Virginia, the 7-B and 8-A I took at the "Powell." The 8-B at Summer School at Tech. I am now attending Central and I expect I'll stay there till I'm graduated in June. I have no definite plans for study after I finish High school.

Polly Walker and Norma Wolfe, better known as Peanuts, are snappy players in center.

The fourth-semester team had two accurate forwards in Margaret Whaley and Helen Sheekles.

In the center field Gerlie Ochs, Estelle Cumberland, and Elizabeth Riley made a wonderful trio.

Rebecca Kronman and Estella were "trying" guards for the forwards.

When Ida Wineberg is the jumping center and Marie Neeb the goal shooter the score is always high because both girls are such wonderful players.

### Wireless Ready

The Western wireless apparatus has been completely repaired and adjusted by the group of boys most interested in the Wireless Club, and code practice will begin at the next meeting as soon as election of officers has been held. Oliver Frank, chairman, is very active in its affairs. There are at present about twenty members, all boys, but any girls who are interested are invited to join.

### IL STUDIOSO.

(With apologies.)

Hence, vain deluding dates,  
Which call me from my studies  
forth,  
And I must meet lest fates  
Deride my social charms as little  
worth.  
I am quite through with thee;  
No more to silly dances will I go  
And have each harmless toe  
Squashed more completely out of  
shape  
By each bold Jackanape:  
A student I am bound to be.  
So hail, my studies. Thee I love  
All Proms and Dances far above.  
Far into every night I'll toil  
And reckless burn the midnight  
oil  
Till Mother dear will wonder why  
It is the gas bills are so high.  
And then, perhaps, in some far  
day,  
Behind my name in grand array  
I'll have a string of "A's" and  
"B's"  
And things that do denote degrees.  
And then I'll be a teacher stern  
And help the children all to learn  
The fear that now does come to  
me  
When someone says: "That's too  
bad, 'D'."

### Company E Is Businesslike

By CAPT. D. E. HAHN, Company E, Business High School.

Since receiving the February men in the company we have six full squads and one file closer. This means that we are not handicapped by some blank files in the rear rank, and have nothing holding us back.

It is not long before the drill—only about three months, and we have a great deal to learn in that short time. Business must have that flag this year. Just to think of what would happen if we won is surely enough to make us work for all we are worth. Why, the Alumni Association would give us a free trip to Marshall Hall on the excursion, our pictures would be framed and hung in Mr. Davis' office, where everyone would see it; we would get more ice-cream treats than we could possibly eat; and best of all, we would get that old flag for Business.

We'll show the rest of the companies what we are made of. We'll get out there and put some life into that drill, snap up our movements, and do what our officers tell us to do, and we will surely come out winners.

The present class is the largest, which has ever enrolled for the particular subject, twenty-two students appearing on the list. All are enthusiastic over their work and are entering wholeheartedly into the task of mastering the art of the "rout response."

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## DAVID G. TAVAN HEADS CAST OF PLAY

"Seven Keys to Baldpate," Chosen as Central's Spring Play—To Be Given in April and May.

**T**HE Dramatic Association of Central High School has definitely chosen for its annual Spring play, George M. Cohan's "Mystery Farce," "Seven Keys to Baldpate." After a competitive system of tryouts and record averages, the cast has been finally chosen by the Dramatic Committee.

David G. Tavan, who is to be remembered by his many previous performances in the school's theatricals, has been chosen to play the part of William Halliwell Magee, the hero of the story, and the character played by George M. Cohan in his screen version of the novel. Mr. Tavan is remembered by his fine interpretations in "The Gallies," "A Rose of Plymouth Town," and "Pomander Walk." His ability and previous work as a member of the Central High School Dramatic Association have made a name for him at Central, and he is sure to keep up the good work in this year's Spring Play.

### CAST WELL CHOSEN.

The supporting cast has been admirably well chosen to fit the various characters in the performance and on the whole the production will be well balanced.

The queer old hermit, a remarkably fine character study, is to be played by Henry Dalby. Bland and Lou Max, the two right-hand men of the big political bosses, Hayden and Cargan, are portrayed by Clark Beach and Louis Tannenbaum respectively. Milton D. Korman will play the part of Hayden, and Bernard Goldstein, Cargan.

The girls' parts in this play are few in number compared with the boys, but they are very good acting parts. The beautiful heroine, Mary Norton, is to be played by Helen Marks and Elsie Talbert, both accomplished little performers of the amateur stage. Myra, the girl who is associated with the crooks, is one of the best acting parts in the play. Cast in this role, we find two co-stars, Margaret Denty and Alice Dickey. These two girls have worked hard as members of the Dramatic Association and deserve to be cast in this important role.

There are many more interesting characters in the play, which all tend toward making it a great production. And the story itself affords a most wonderful chance for superb acting.

The public is cordially invited to attend the performances which will be given in the Central High School Auditorium on April 28 and 29, and May 5 and 6. Miss Sybil Baker, the coach of the Dramatic Association, promises everyone a real treat in "Seven Keys to Baldpate."

## Clash With Two Outside Schools

The Daniel Webster Club, at Business, has made rapid strides since arrangements have been made for debates with the Emerson Institute and the Gonzaga College debating teams. The first debate was held on Friday evening, at Gonzaga Hall.

Speaking for Business at this debate were John Jacobs, Sarah Cafritz, Alfred McGarraghay and Marie Collins, alternate. The debate with Emerson will be held in the Business auditorium this week. The subject is to be: "Resolved, That the five-penny compensation bill should be passed."

Business will take the negative side, the speakers being Maurice Robbin, Margaret Ryan, Erna Orin, and Margaret Collins, alternate. This debate promises to be very interesting.

## Journalism Class Started at Tech

By T. S. P. C.

Tech again has a regularly installed class in journalism, organized and conducted by Miss Cox. This is the third class of its kind in our curriculum, the first having been originated by Miss Scott four years ago. Two years later a second was begun, but because of its limited size, was soon dropped.

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